


**COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

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ACA Standards		3-ALDF-5C-01 Inmate Have Access to Recreational Opportunities and Equipment; 3-ALDF-5C-02 Inmate Have Opportunities to Participate in Leisure Activities outside the Cell Daily; 3-ALDF-5C-03 Inmates in SMU are let out of their Cells for Exercise		
Consent Decree		Paragraph 54 Develop Facility Policies and Procedures		

**I. PURPOSE**

To describe the recreation activities that will be made available to inmates/detainees confined in the Department of Corrections (DOC).

**II. POLICY**

It is the policy of DOC that all inmates/detainees are given the opportunity to participate in recreational activities to reduce stress and to keep physically and mentally healthy.

**III. PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES**

The DOC will provide an indoor and outdoor recreational activity that includes leisure-time activities to all inmates/detainees that are willing to participate. The Special Programs Supervisor will develop recreational programs for inmates/detainees consistent with their custody level. All indoor and outdoor recreational activities will be supervised by corrections officers.

**A. Indoor Activities**

1. Each Housing Pod is equipped with a multipurpose room for activities such as educational programs, bible studies and other approved activities.
2. Each housing unit has a day room and is equipped with tables and chairs that inmates/detainees can use during their leisure-time. Each table has board games imprinted on them such as checkers and backgammon. Inmates/detainees wanting to play any of the board games will request the Housing Unit Officer for the game's accessories.
3. The housing unit day rooms are also equipped with a television for inmate/detainee use. Television rules will be enforced.

**4. Day room recreational activities will be governed by the housing unit Post Order.**

**B. Outdoor Activities**

1. Each Housing Pod is equipped with a half-court open-exercise yard. The exercise yard has a backboard for basketball and toilet.
2. Other recreational games and/or activities may be included consistent with the size of the exercise yard and the availability of the equipment.
3. The use of the Housing Pod outdoor exercise yard will be governed by schedule when weather permits it.

**C. Outdoor Open Exercise Yard**

1. The facility is equipped with an open exercise yard. The open exercise yard has a full-court basketball and toilet.
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**D. Inmates/Detainees in Special Management Housing**

1. All inmates/detainees in special management housing units are entitled to at least one (1) hour of fresh, except inclement weather.

2. Inmates/detainees in special management housing units will be allowed out of their cells in accordance with conditions established based on their custody level.

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2. Inmates/detainees in special management housing units will be allowed out of their cells for fresh air in accordance with conditions established based on their custody level.

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